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News & Views

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Briefly . . .

Charles F. Desmond, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, has been chosen as moderator of a seminar sponsored by the Contractor's Ass'n of Boston at the Big Show, a construction tradeshow exhibit to be held May 6-8 at the Bayside Expo Center.

"Resources and Networking for Minority Business Enterprises," is the topic of the panel. The 1984 Big Show attracted 450 exhibitors and 9,000 participants, including a number of federal, state and city officials.

Vice Chancellor Desmond was selected because of his success with Black Perspectives, a feature that airs on WUMB-FM.

Speaking of WUMB-FM, the campus radio station is in the final stages of its third annual fundraiser with \$40,000 the goal. Crown Colony, Inc., currently in the process of constructing a major office and hotel complex in Quincy, has offered to donate an \$8,000 radio tower when WUMB-FM reaches its \$40,000 goal.

The tower would be a boon to listeners, particularly on the South Shore. Phone Pat Monteith, 929-7919, for details.

The National Science Foundation has awarded UMass/Boston a grant to support a training course for high school teachers in Pascal, the computer language that is required of students taking Advanced Placement in Computer Science.

For information, contact Dr. Joel Blair or Professor John Lutts of the Math Dept.

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Two from UMB's Art Department receive Guggenheim Fellowships



Guggenheim recipients Dr. Ruth Butler (above) and Jim Goldberg (right)

Two members of the UMass/Boston Art Department have received prestigious Guggenheim Fellowships—Dr. Ruth Butler of Lexington and Jim Goldberg, a photographer from San Francisco and a Visiting Professor.

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation annually awards fellowships to scholars, scientists and artists. This was the 61st annual competition.

Dr. Butler also received a fellowship from the Florence J. Gould Arts Foundation. The two awards will allow her two years of work on a biography of Rodin that she began last summer.

Professor Butler expects to remain in Boston, but will make frequent research trips to Paris.

Only recently, Dr. Butler was reappointed chair of the College Board Development Committee in Advanced

Placement Art History. She also has served as Mellon Professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

She has been a UMass/Boston faculty member for 10 years. She received her BA from Case Western Reserve University and her Ph.D. from New York University.

Prof. Goldberg, who has served on the Harbor Campus for the past year, received an Engelhard Award in addition to the Guggenheim Fellowship.

These two grants will allow Mr. Goldberg to take a couple of years photographing across America, focusing on issues of social contrast and conflict in contemporary American life.

Goldberg has a book coming out from Random House in the Fall on the lives of the rich and the poor in San Francisco.

profiles

Director James Lovett with Public Safety department from its start



Director of Public Safety James J. Lovett

In 1973, James J. Lovett of Pembroke, was one of the first five officers hired at the UMass/Boston's Park Square Campus. A year later, these officers moved to the new Harbor Campus, forming the nucleus of the Department of Public Safety.

Today, the department has grown to 33 sworn officers, including Lovett. From Patrolman to Deputy Chief of Police in 1974, to Chief of Police in 1975, Lovett became the Director of Public Safety at UMass in 1976, a position he's held since.

Over the years, Lovett has instituted extensive new programs in the department, making it much harder to qualify as a candidate for recruitment than it was 13 years ago. In addition to meeting requirements used for public police service throughout the Commonwealth, candidates also must pass written, oral, psychological, medical and physical tests, and an exhaustive background investigation.

Successful candidates then must complete a three-month training program through the Massachusetts Criminal

Justice Training Council. On-going, in-service training provides police officers in the department the opportunity to acquire new knowledge and sharpen their skills.

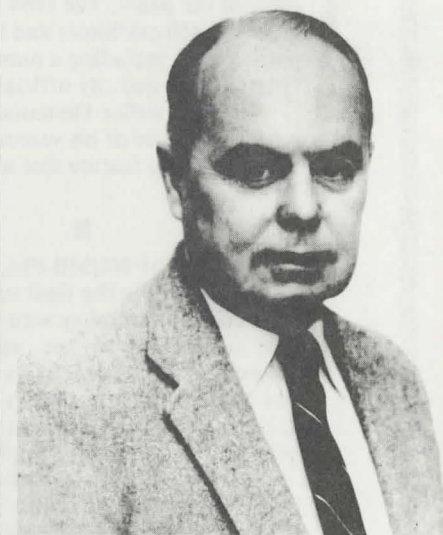
Lovett's career began with a BA in Economics at Boston College in 1971. That summer, in Mashpee, he worked as a patrolman. Next he served as an officer in Bourne, before coming to UMass in 1973.

Lovett continued his education at the FBI National Academy in Virginia in 1976, and later earned a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice at Northeastern University.

Lovett was not the first police officer in his family. His father, Charles J. Lovett, has been on the Boston police force since 1954.

The oldest of four children, Lovett was raised in Dorchester. He has lived since 1980 in Pembroke with his wife of six years, Barbara Mannion Lovett, a UMass/Boston graduate from Galway, Ireland, and his five year old daughter, Sinead Mannion Lovett.

Prof. Murphy named chair of local committee



Prof. Francis S. Murphy

UMass/Boston Professor Francis S. (Frank) Murphy has been named General Chairman of the Memorial Day Observance Committee of Dorchester veterans groups.

Dr. Murphy is a Past Commander of the John P. McKeon Post No. 146, Amvets. The 2,000-member McKeon Post is the largest Amvets organization in the United States.

Dr. Murphy is affiliated with UMass/Boston's Institute for Learning and Teaching. He formerly was associated with Boston State College and coached the baseball team there for 14 years.

Dr. Loretta Slover appointed assistant dean for Academic Studies

Dr. Loretta Slover of Brookline, has been named Assistant Dean for Academic Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at UMass/Boston.

Dr. Slover holds a B.A. from St. John's University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University in Romance Language and Literature.

She has taught at UMass/Boston since 1974 in the Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese and continues to teach Portuguese and literature.

Dr. Slover will work closely with Associate Dean John Conlon.

In 1960-61, Dr. Slover gained a Fulbright Scholarship and studied at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.



Dr. Loretta Slover

chancellor's column

(Following is the statement of Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan to the Board of Regents regarding Tuition Increase and the Tuition Waiver Formula).

As many of you will recall, exactly one year ago today, I appeared before you to speak to the issue of proposed tuition increases, I said then, and I repeat today, that I am not opposed to a tuition increase which can be translated directly into maintenance and improvement of educational quality and which does not create barriers to open access to higher education. I have, however, expressed my concern and my opposition to tuition increases which do not adequately take into account the level of available student resources and the ability of students to pay increased tuition charges at any given institution.

On behalf of the community of the University of Massachusetts at Boston, I express such concern and opposition again today.

However, before addressing these issues in greater detail, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the genuine concern of the Regents and to thank you for those tuition assistance programs which you have generously provided.

You have implemented programs designed to offset tuition increases for those students with demonstrated need. A set of innovative pilot programs, as well as the University State Scholarships, the Massachusetts State Scholarships, and the Disadvantaged Students Funds all help to provide high quality programs responsive to the needs of our students.

The Tuition Waiver Program deserves particular attention. This program has become a critical element of our ability to meet the growing needs of our students. This year, at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, the Tuition Waiver Program has consisted of the following elements:

1. A basic allocation equivalent to 6% of tuition revenues generated in this current year:

2. an allocation from the Regents Tuition Waiver Emergency Reserve equivalent of 2% of tuition revenues;

3. an additional allocation of \$80,000.

In effect, the University of Massachusetts at Boston has utilized tuition waiver funds equivalent to 9% of tuition revenues as it attempted to meet the financial aid needs of our students this year.

It is significant to recall here that in fiscal 1984 even with an additional allocation of \$100,000, the University of Massachusetts at Boston did not meet \$40,000 of demonstrated need in this category. It is predicted, even given end of the year adjustments, that this year the University will exceed this amount of unmet demonstrated need in this category.



Thus, though we genuinely appreciate and commend existing tuition assistance programs sponsored by the Regents, we must say again that we do not come close to adequately meeting our students' financial needs, state tuition assistance, though significant, represents only 19% of financial aid awarded to University of Massachusetts at Boston students this year. Indeed, in fiscal 1985 the total unmet need for UMass/Boston students eligible for financial aid from all sources will total over \$13,600,000.

Let me speak more specifically on this point.

Of the approximately \$14,600,000 provided this year to 6,026 students at UMass/Boston, 19% was derived from state sources, and the remaining 81% almost exclusively from federal sources.

The University of Massachusetts at Boston from all sources of financial aid was able to meet, on the average, only 55% of each student's need. And what is more, from state financial assistance and that portion of federal assistance which is campus based, only 33% of each student's need.

Approximately 55% of students at UMass/Boston have demonstrated financial need. 53% of these are "independent" students; 47% of these are "dependent" students. Among "independent" students we note the following significant factors:

- 94.8% have income less than \$15,000;

- 84% have income less than the cost of education for "independent" students, \$8,078.

- Average income for "independent" students is \$2,460.

- Among "dependent" students it is significant to note that in 84-85 35% reported adjusted gross income of less than \$15,000.

We may further appreciate the critical status of UMass/Boston students' ability to meet the cost of quality education by observing the following statistics occasioned by federal financial aid proposals: Those UMass/Boston students whose family income is over \$32,500 and are receiving a GSL represent only 5.4% of all students receiving aid. This

compares with approximately 60% at Boston College.

These compelling factors, among others, lead me, then, to state my opposition today even to a tuition increase of \$100.

Had that tuition increase been in effect this year, two conclusions could have been drawn: first, it would have represented an additional \$602,600 of unmet financial aid need. Secondly, in our considered judgement, it would have added to the number of students with demonstrated financial need.

We reported to you last year that a recent survey conducted among students who dropped out of the University of Massachusetts at Boston found that financial difficulty was one of the most important reasons for students leaving school. That situation has not changed today, notwithstanding reported increases in disposable income and per capita personal income in the state of Massachusetts.

It cannot be assumed that UMass/Boston students participating in economic growth in the Commonwealth, are capable of meeting increased tuition costs from personal resources. The University of Massachusetts at Boston educates a larger percentage of "independent" students than any other four year institution in the state. Many of these students—as well as many "dependent" students whose median family income is slightly over \$17,000—are disproportionately excluded from the benefits of economic recovery.

Further, I am concerned that tuition increases before you will likely lead to an increased need for tuition assistance at other institutions and cause a drain on reserve tuition assistance funds.

I must address here, also, the uncertainty which attends discussions and estimates of federal funds available for tuition assistance. And, I remind you, that federal funds account for 81% of all financial aid assistance provided to UMass/Boston students this year.

However such uncertainty may be resolved, we can only conclude that both with respect to federal budget consequences in fiscal 1987 and to individual and family planning for education as soon as this next fiscal year, open access to higher education for the students of the University of Massachusetts at Boston will be diminished. Even alternative plans offered for consideration by supporters of administration policy, offer no significant hope for our students.

In this uncertain world, state tuition assistance funds represent the "cutting edge" of open access to higher education for our students. To limit the availability of these funds, even as an effect of a \$100 tuition increase, creates a

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B r i e f l y . . .

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Professor Ernest A. Lynton of the McCormack Institute spoke on "The Once and Future University: Reviving an American Tradition" recently in the Healey Library.

Prof. Lynton received his Ph.D. in Physics from Yale in 1951. He held a postdoctoral fellowship at Leiden University, Holland, and then joined the faculty at Rutgers University. In 1965, he was named Dean of Livingston College, Rutgers. Prof. Lynton joined UMass/Boston in 1973. He has been a Senior Associate of the McCormack Institute since 1983.

The Auditor's Institute, a management training program for public and private human service professionals, began a seven-week session at Bridgewater State on April 25.

The Institute is sponsored by UMass/Boston's Division of Continuing Education in cooperation with State Auditor John J. Finnegan.

Dr. Clara Estow, Associate Professor in the Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese, and Ms. Elsa Orjuela, Director of Peer Advising in the CAS Office of Academic Support and Advising, recently appeared on *De Todo un Poco* on Channel 56, a program of wide viewership in Boston's Hispanic community.

Career Services sponsors MERC conference at Harbor Campus

The hockey rink in the Clark Center was overflowing with tables at the 11th annual Massachusetts Educational Recruiting Consortium (MERC) interviewing conference, hosted by UMass/Boston over a three-day span.

"We had 140 recruiters, the largest number in the event's history," noted Len Konarski, the site coordinator for Career Services. Tanya Johnson was his assistant.

The Consortium includes 32 colleges and universities throughout Massachusetts. Some 83 school systems were represented and 450 students were registered.

MERC was organized in 1974 as a convenient medium for coping with the dual problem of increased numbers of teaching candidates in a steadily-decreasing market and the difficulty in obtaining the most qualified people for available positions.

They discussed the University's Development Studies Program and the services provided Hispanic students at UMass/Boston.

The program was produced by Lou Shulman, a History major at UMass/Boston and a regular on the Dean's List.

Alan Helms, Associate Professor of English, has won an NEH Institute Fellowship. He'll spend six weeks this summer at New York University working on "Studies in Poetic Evaluation, with Special Attention to Modern Verse" along with 11 scholars from around the country. There will be a teaching staff of five of the most prominent people from the world of literary criticism.

A conference on Elderly Nutrition Programs—1985 and Beyond will be held on Friday, May 20 at CPCS. Present will be Frank J. Manning, President Emeritus, Massachusetts Association of Older Americans.

Nancy Hoffman, professor of humanities at UMass/Boston's College of Public and Community Service, is serving on a task force of faculty members and administrators following up Integrity in the College Curriculum, released at the Association of American College's 71st annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in February.

Chancellor Corrigan's statement to Regents on tuition increase

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significant, and for many an insurmountable, barrier.

This brings me to my final point; one relevant to the Tuition Waiver Program.

The proposals for the Tuition Waiver Program which you have before you would provide for the following:

1. An increase in the basic tuition waiver program to 5% of total tuition revenues.
2. An increase in the Regents' Tuition Waiver Emergency Reserve from 2% to 4%.
3. A provision that tuition waivers equivalent to 1% of the tuition revenues received by each institution may be awarded to students on the basis of talent/merit.

Such a program would not recognize that the University of Massachusetts at Boston currently utilizes tuition waivers equivalent to 9% of tuition revenues (the maximum in your proposal) without talent/merit awards.

The report proposed nine minimum required intellectual, aesthetic and philosophic experiences to overcome the disarray that now characterizes much of undergraduate education.

Nearly three-quarters of American colleges and universities are currently involved in efforts to reform general education. To assist them, the new task group will seek to define a general education curriculum that is viable today and that can win the respect and collaboration of faculty and students.

UMass/Boston's William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences and the Massachusetts Vietnam-Era Veterans Ass'n will sponsor the fourth annual conference on the Concerns of Vietnam Veterans in Washington, D.C. on May 8.

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. will host a select group of Vietnam Veteran leaders. This is the Fourth Annual Conference hosted by Speaker O'Neill. Individual conferences and workshops are planned around the 7th and 8th of May, hosted by congressional offices.

Dr. James E. Blackwell, Professor of Sociology, was one of 15 sociologists in the nation elected to membership in sociology's honorific society, the Sociological Research Association (SRA). This is the sociological equivalent of the National Academy of Sciences.

Prof. Blackwell is the author of six books, 12 research monographs and numerous chapters in anthologies and articles in scholarly journals.

Thus, under the proposal which you are about to consider, the University of Massachusetts at Boston either:

1. Could not participate in the talent/merit program; or,
2. if choosing to participate in the talent/merit program, would effectively reduce by 1% tuition waivers awarded on the basis of need alone.

I therefore, request the following. That:

1. You do not approve a \$100 tuition increase for the University of Massachusetts. And,
2. at minimum, the University of Massachusetts at Boston be allowed to maintain its existing tuition waiver program equivalent to 6% of total tuition revenues without prejudice to its ability to utilize a full 4% of the Regents' Tuition Waiver Emergency Reserve and any other additional allowances as are made available.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on these critical issues.